



COLEMAN EVANS CLEAN-UP PROGRESS UPDATE

Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving Site
Whitehouse, Florida

July 1999

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What is a Public Availability Session?

The Coleman Evans Clean-Up Team looks forward to working with the residents of the Whitehouse community to address questions and concerns related to the clean-up activities. In order to share information, the public is invited to attend the upcoming Public Availability Session on July 22. Project staff members from the Corps of Engineers, EPA, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, and IT Group, will be available to answer questions. There will be no set schedule or formal presentations. Everyone is invited to stop by at anytime between the hours listed to the right.

The Coleman Evans Clean-Up Team

As planning, construction and operations have evolved at the Coleman Evans Superfund site, a number of organizations have been visible participants. The five major participants - the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the City of Jacksonville, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the IT Group - recognized that they needed a better way of working together. They turned to a management technique called "partnering," where managers and employees of each group work together as a Team. Through partnering, EPA, FDEP, USACE and IT employees meet regularly with their respective counterparts to build a common sense of teamwork, and to promote open communications with the public.

The primary goal of the Coleman Evans Clean-Up team is to safely clean-up the site. Although the regulatory agencies are part of the Team, they still retain all of their enforcement authority during the entire clean-up process.

Public Availability Session

When:

Thursday July 22, 1999
from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
or
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where:

Whitehouse Elementary School
11160 General Avenue
Whitehouse, Florida

Purpose:

To discuss ongoing clean-up activities at the Coleman-Evans Wood Preserving site and to answer questions from the community

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In November 1998, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the soil remedial design and issued the performance specifications and contract documents that outline the requirements to be met during the remedial action. In January 1999, these documents were approved by local, state, and federal authorities. The design calls for the excavation of all contaminated soil and sediment above established cleanup levels followed by on-site treatment in a temporary thermal desorption unit. The cleanup levels for soil are 2 parts per million PCP and 1 part per billion dioxin. USACE will maintain a field office at the site during all clean-up activities, and will provide daily field oversight and supervision.

The Remedial Action Contractor, IT Group, began work at the Coleman-Evans site on May 24, 1999. The first phase of the clean-up project is to construct parking lots, set-up the administrative offices, and prepare the site for future work. Work items that have been completed to date:

- Demolish the old house on the corner of Celery and General Avenue
- Remove trees from the corner lot
- Construct parking lots and install fencing
- Prepare the designated area for the large water tanks that will be installed
- Submit plans to EPA, FDEP, City of Jacksonville, and USACE for approval

Over the next 30 - 60 days, IT Group will continue to mobilize equipment and personnel to the site. Everything must be properly planned and prepared before excavation work can begin. Work Items that are scheduled for the next two months include:

- Install water holding tanks
- Install stormwater collection and drainage system
- Drill a new potable water well
- Begin work on the site by removing the old buildings, debris, and vegetation
- Actual soil excavation and treatment work is scheduled to begin in January 2000



How Do I Learn More?

More information is only a phone call away. In addition to the EPA Remedial Project Manager, and the USACE Public Affairs Officer listed on Page 1, the USACE representatives listed below may also be contacted for more information concerning site activities.

<p>For information about the project activities, please contact:</p> <p>David Gerland U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Florida Area Office 4070 Boulevard Center Drive Suite 201 Jacksonville, Florida 32207 Tel: (904) 232-2162 Fax: (904) 232-2147 e-mail: david.j.gerland@saj02.usace.army.mil</p>	<p>The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on-site Construction Representative is:</p> <p>Don Stephens 101 Celery Ave. South Jacksonville, FL 32220 Tel: (904) 232-2144 e-mail: donald.k.stephens@saj02.usace.army.mil</p>
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